

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Serial No.: 10/698,908

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Title: **UNIQUE SERIAL NUMBER
METHOD FOR A SYSTEM
DEVICE**

Art Unit: 3764

Examiner: Fenn C. Mathew

REPLY TO OFFICE ACTION

MAIL STOP AMENDMENT
Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, Virginia 22313-1450

Sir:

This communication is in response to the Office Action mailed on August 3, 2006 in which the Examiner required election between several distinct species as listed in paragraph 1 of the detailed action. By this response, Applicant elects Species I, Figures 1 to 6, for examination, without traverse.

The following claims are readable on the elected species as well as other species: 1 to 9, 11,12, 14 to 17, 21 to 24, 39, 41, 44 to 47, 49, 50, and 52. Of these claims, claims 1 to 8, 14, 44, and 45 to 47 are generic to all of the species listed by the Examiner. Claim 9 is readable on elected Species I as well as all of the non-elected species except for species XVII. Claims 11 and 12 are readable on elected Species I as well as all of the non-elected species except for Species XV. Claims 15 and 16 are readable on elected Species I as well as all of the non-elected species apart from Species X and XVI. Claim 17 is readable on elected Species I as well as all of the non-elected species apart from Species IV. Claims 21 to 23 are readable on species I to III, XII, XIII, XVII, and

XVIII. Claim 24 is readable on species I, II, XII, XIII, XVII, and XVIII. Claim 39 is readable on elected species I and all other species except for Species II and XII. Claim 41 is readable on elected Species I and all other species except for Species XII and XIII. Claims 49 and 50 are readable on elected Species I and all other species except for Species XVII. Claim 52 is readable on elected Species I and all other species except for Species X and XVI.

The following claims are directed to non-elected species as indicated:

Claim 10,51 - Species XVII;

Claim 13, 31 - Species XV;

Claim 18 - Species XIX;

Claim 19 - handle arrangement of Figure 44B;

Claim 20,30,48 -Species IV;

Claim 25 - Species III;

Claim 26 - Species XVIII;

Claim 27 – Species V and VI

Claim 28 – Species VII

Claim 29 – Species VIII

Claim 32 and 33 – Species X

Claim 34 and 35 – Species XI and XIV

Claim 36 to 38, 43 – Species XIV

Claim 40 – Species II and XII

Claim 42 – Species XII and XIII

Claims 53 and 54 – Species X, XVI

Applicant will be entitled to consideration of non-elected claims 10, 13, 18 to 20, 25 to 38, 40, 43, 51, 53 and 54 if a generic claim from which they depend is found allowable. Applicant reserves the right to file one or more divisional applications on the non-elected claims if a generic claim is not found allowable.

An early examination on the merits of claims 1 to 9, 11,12, 14 to 17, 21 to 24, 39, 41, 44 to 47, 49, 50, and 52 is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,
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